Government and communications.

138. * MR. P. M. VARUGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that great inconvenience is being experienced by agriculturists on account of the correspondence between the Income Tax Department and the assessed parties being carried on in English only?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*): No. Government are not aware.

Assessment.

139. *MR. P. M. VARUGHESE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that cases of over-assessment are on the increase from year to year; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) the question does not arise.

Parcel Agency.

140. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the possibility of appointing the ex-service men as parcel agents in the Transport Department after discontinuing the present system;

(*b*) whether there is any parcel agency now conducted by the department direct; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the parcel agents make much money by way of commission in important towns?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes. One as a temporary measure.

(*c*) Yes.

Cart-stand of the Kozhencherry Market.

141. * MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the want of accommodation in the cart-stand of the Kozhencherry market has been brought to their notice?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No.

Cattle Market.

142. * MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state what action the authorities concerned have taken on the several petitions sent by the inhabitants of Kumbazha for sanctioning a cattle market there?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The matter is under consideration.

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